



## **Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office**

### **Operations Directorate — Fact Sheet**

#### **Search and Rescue Incident Report (SARIR) Format**

**ISSUE:** Successful personnel recovery depends on effective and timely intelligence support. DIA has coordinated a DoD National Intelligence Support for Personnel Recovery product to insure national intelligence assets are postured to respond as necessary.

**BACKGROUND:** Lessons learned show that successful personnel recovery diminishes over time. Consequently, intelligence assets must be correctly postured to respond to Personnel Recovery situations. Currently, there is in place a SIGINT Search and Rescue Incident (SARIR) Format product that resulted from a combined effort between the National Security Agency (NSA) and the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO). Realizing the importance of a timely response to a personnel recovery incident, and the number of actions the Intelligence Community must accomplish in support of resolving the incident, the SIGINT product is designed to be a single source aimed at simplifying the process of getting national Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) systems involved in locating and identifying the isolated individual. It assists theater collection managers, Joint Intelligence Center Chiefs, and the Director of Rescue Coordination Centers in using national systems to complement theater intelligence assets. It contains checklists that are specific enough to provide a starting point in the recovery process, generic enough to allow individual theaters to modify them for their specific needs, and general enough to be used for exercise support.

**DISCUSSION:** The SIGINT SARIR serves as the model for the DoD National Intelligence Support for Personnel Recovery product. The DoD National Intelligence Community Support for Personnel Recovery product provides the framework for how the IC will respond to personnel recovery incidents, serves as a guide for operators in the field, and is a mechanism to educate and inform combatant commands and components on potential uses of collection systems for personnel recovery. The product streamlines procedures required to focus intelligence assets toward incident resolution. DIA's Director for Policy Support has consolidated this product within the IC and DPMO provided input. The DoD National Intelligence Community Support for Personnel Recovery product was posted to Intelink in August of 1999 and may be found at:

[http://www.dia.ic.gov/intel/world\\_wide/disp/dodcomspt/comspt\\_cov.html](http://www.dia.ic.gov/intel/world_wide/disp/dodcomspt/comspt_cov.html)

The Search and Rescue Incident Report (SARIR) Format is an appendix to the aforementioned product and may be found on Intelink at: [http://www.dia.ic.gov/intel/world\\_wide/disp/dodcomspt/comspt\\_appd.html](http://www.dia.ic.gov/intel/world_wide/disp/dodcomspt/comspt_appd.html)

DPMO's responsibilities in the personnel recovery area are limited primarily to policy oversight, however, we are also included in the DoD National Intelligence Community Support for Personnel Recovery product as we also have a critical intelligence function as well. DPMO analysts will participate in the National Military Joint Intelligence Center (NMJIC) during crisis situations to monitor reporting and to provide timely analysis of all POW-related information; to identify possible detention sites, and to provide progress reports to the leadership and decision makers.